

A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS SECODELLA.

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This interesting species was first reared by Mr. Marcovitch in 1913 when he secured a very few specimens, but during 1914 it occurred in large numbers and a fine series was sent to me for study.

The species of this genus are very striking in appearance due to the lines of cilia on the fore wing and also to the row of bristles on the under side of the wing just back of the marginal vein.

***Secodella argyresthiæ* n. sp.**

Female: Length 3 mm. Deep purple with some greenish tints; face with a deep cross furrow in front of anterior ocellus; head with crowded fine punctures, those above cross furrow coarser; antennæ brown, scape and pedicel purple; first and second joints of funicle subequal in length, each about one and one-half times as long as the pedicel; third and fourth joints successively shorter, together about as long as the club; mesonotum with fine thimble-like punctures, those on the scutellum finer than on scutum; propodeum very short, with a median carina; wings hyaline, upper surface of fore wings with six rows of cilia, three from stigmal knob as follows: one running apicad and close to anterior margin of wing, touching anterior margin before apex of wing, one curving caudad and running to apical margin, one running diagonally across wing basad to rear of wing and forming the border of the non-ciliated basal area; two lines run from base of ciliated area to apical margin, one close to posterior border, the other some distance anterior of the former; the sixth originating within the ciliated area and running to apical margin; lower surface of fore wings with a row of five or six long curved bristles close to marginal vein at about its middle; legs purple, anterior tarsi brown, middle and hind tarsi, except apices, whitish; abdomen elongate.

Male: Length 1.8 mm. Similar to the female.

Habitat: Ithaca, N. Y.

Host: *Argyresthia alternatella*.

Type: Cat. No. 19408, U. S. N. M.

Described from a series reared by Mr. S. Marcovitch, from whom it was received.

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